

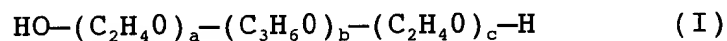
Surfactant	Concentration (%)	A_{HDL}/A_{LDL}	A_{VLDL}/A_{LDL}	A_{CM}/A_{LDL}
Emulgen 911 (comparative example 7)	0.1	22.6	15.9	3.0
Emulgen 810 (comparative example 8)	0.2	24.7	36.8	5.8
Pluronic L-122 (comparative example 9)	0.2	38.1	64.1	19.0

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 9, 12, 14, 16 and 27 as follows.

A marked up version of the amended claims is attached.

9. (Amended) The method according to claim (7), wherein the polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene copolymer is a surfactant represented by general formula (I):



(wherein a, b and c, which may be the same or different, each represents an integer of 1 to 200).

12. (Amended) The method according to any one of claims (5), (6), (10) or (11), wherein the reagent enabling CH enzymes to act only on cholesterol in HDL is a reagent for aggregating lipoproteins other than HDL.

14. (Amended) The method according to claim (12), wherein the reagent for aggregating lipoproteins other than HDL is a reagent comprising heparin or a salt thereof, phosphotungstic acid or a salt thereof, dextran sulfuric acid or a salt thereof, polyethylene glycol, sulfonated cyclodextrin or a salt thereof, sulfonated oligosaccharide or a salt thereof, or a mixture thereof and a divalent metal salt.

16. (Amended) The method according to any one of claims (10) or (11), wherein the reagent enabling the CH enzymes to act on cholesterol in all lipoproteins is a reagent containing a lipoprotein solubilizing surfactant.

27. (Amended) The reagent kit according to any one of claims (21), (22), (23), (25) or (26), wherein the reagent for aggregating lipoproteins other than HDL lipoprotein is a reagent comprising heparin or a salt thereof, phosphotungstic acid or a salt thereof, dextran sulfuric acid or a salt thereof, polyethylene glycol, sulfonated cyclodextrin or a salt thereof, sulfonated oligosaccharide or a salt thereof, or a mixture thereof and a divalent metal salt.